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The United Kingdom: A Survey (Landeskunde Großbritannien)

This lecture on British civilization is designed for those who want to learn more about Britain or are about to go there, be it as a student or a tourist. It attempts to supply ample background information and will focus on a variety of intriguing issues including leisure, entertainment, arts, food and drink, commerce, transport (the Chunnel), natural resources, religion, traditions, class distinctions, Oxbridge, the Monarchy, Tudor England, The Industrial Revolution, Political Divisions (Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland), The Lake District, London and The British Commonwealth.

The course will be structured as follows:

1. The English Language
2. The British People
3. The Geography of Britain
4. British History
5. British Institutions
6. British Literature

Textbook : Christopher Garwood et al., Aspects of Britain and the USA
(Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1992), p. 1-50
Cornelsen: 105679